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### ANTI-CHURCH UNION MEETING IN COOKE'S

Address by Rev. Dr. Eakin, Montreal—Dr. A. E. Ross, M.P., Presided.

Applause punctuated the remarks of Rev. Prof. Thomas Eakin, Ph. D. of the Presbyterian college, Montreal, who spoke on Wednesday night in Cooke's church, to a good-sized audience, in the interests of those who desire the continuance of the Presbyterian church. The speaker dealt with the question at some length and was listened to with keen interest, and at the close, on motion of R. J. Diack, he was tendered a vote of thanks.

Dr. A. E. Ross, M.P., presided and introduced the speaker. The pastor, Rev. T. J. S. Ferguson, conducted the devotional exercises. Rev. Mr. Ferguson also expressed his thanks to the speaker of the evening, although he remarked that he did not agree with all the views he had expressed. He also stated that he would endeavor to have Rev. Dr. Gandler, moderator of the General Assembly, come to Kingston and give an address in order that the people might hear both sides of this most important question discussed.

"Our cause is growing and very rapidly," said Dr. Eakin, at the outset of his address. "Wherever the facts are fairly presented we win our cause, but I find that there is a lamentable ignorance regarding this question. You will often hear men say that they do not know much about the matter and the other day I heard a prominent member of the Presbyterian church state that he did not know much about it.

The speaker claimed that one reason for this lack of knowledge was because the facts had been deliberately held from the people. The speaker stated that it was a momentous question and that everyone should be given the fullest measure to discuss it. The fight was on to preserve the Presbyterian church in Canada and it was the intention to use every lawful means to hold the church.

The speaker reviewed at some length all the proceedings leading up to the taking of the vote on church union. It had been stated that the west was very strong for organic union, but the records showed that only forty per cent favored it. If the proposed bill became law the Presbyterian church in Canada comes to an end and those who desired to stand by the Presbyterian church in Canada would become ecclesiastical waifs. It had been shown that 33 per cent of the people wanted union at the time the vote was taken, but this had been reduced to 28 per cent, since the vote was taken.

A majority of the ministers, elders and also the assembly had voted in favor of union, but there had been nothing before the assembly to register the mind of the people of the church on the question.

The argument was put forth that if union was not put through now it would be a case of breach of faith, but with whom? Had the interests of other churches been prejudiced by the delay? Rev. Dr. Chown had stated that they had. He said that his church was entering the union at a great sacrifice but that it was "the will of God." "If it were the will of God, surely there was no sacrifice about it," declared the speaker. "There has been talk about breach of faith, but not a word about coercion. They are endeavoring to smash the most sacred thing. We have no right to vote the Presbyterian church out of existence. It has been handed on to us and given in our trust. We have worked hard for the Presbyterian church. How can they be reconciled on a judgment eight years old? This vote was taken during the war, when people were thinking of something else; when men were thinking of saving the empire and at a time when thousands did not have a chance to vote and 100,000 people have joined the Presbyterian church since the vote was taken. The question of the terms of organic union have never been submitted to the people. Rev. Dr. Gandler says that it would be unconstitutional to submit the question to the people again. Why was it that the general assembly last year did not discuss the question. And why has Dr. Gandler, as moderator, and who should be impartial, go all through the country with propaganda? Why is he doing it and who is paying his expenses?"

The County Public Schools. The report of S. A. Truscott, public school inspector for Frontenac South, states that of the 101 teachers engaged last year, 98 were females. Over half the teachers had to be engaged from outside the inspectors. There was a decided improvement in the academic standing of the teachers. The salaries paid ranged from \$600 to \$1,100, and the average was \$901, or \$12 a year more than in 1922. The school attendance showed continued improvement. Inspector Truscott stated that a few of the schools should be closed for both financial and educational reasons. In one school there is an average attendance of only a little over two pupils and it costs over \$400 a year per pupil. This school is only a mile and a half from two other schools. In 1923, No. 5 Loughboro erected a new frame building and No. 8 Portland erected a cement building. Other schools have made improvements. The sanitary conditions are unsatisfactory in many of the county schools, and the trustees and teachers are responsible. The legislative grant to the South Frontenac public schools last year was \$28,665.64 and for equipment \$943.57. The latter is too small a grant, being less than \$10 a school.

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I do not like to speak about these things, but he should be fair."

The speaker said that it was unfair to say that there were 2,000 union churches in the west. There were fifty-five independent union churches and the rest were co-operating churches.

Dr. Eakin stated that the matter of coercion had disgusted many people and had caused many moderate unionists to rebel. It was claimed that the opposition to union had not been given a square deal. Was it not a case of coercion to say that a person could not be a Presbyterian in Canada? This was going a little too far.

The speaker stated that he knew of many families divided on the question. It had caused much bitterness which would be very hard to heal. The remark had been made that union would be "jammed" through. Such action as this would be regarded as an insult by men who prized liberty.

"They say that it is a people's movement. Union is born, not made. And this has been made, here in Canada. You cannot make a union. I would suggest that we drop the matter and go back as we were. I would also suggest that we adopt a scheme of federation for co-operation. If we must sever, I would say to the people and say 'we do not want to disturb you, but do you wish to join the Union Church of Canada or do you want to remain in the Presbyterian church?' And on the basis of that answer make a division of the church property, but I will bet that they will never do it that way. They know that if they go to the people they would not get a majority."

"This is not time to be neutral on this question. You will have to face the question soon. Some people are afraid of being in the minority. The history of the minority shows that great things were accomplished by the minority. Christianity began in the minority. Our forefathers were not afraid of the minority and as a result we have the liberties of today. Let us not give up our heritage. The Presbyterian church in Canada is not dead and will be regarded as a vital force in this land."

### THE COUNTY COMMITTEES

#### Inspector Truscott Reports Improvement in the Frontenac Public Schools.

When the Frontenac county council met on Wednesday afternoon, the following standing committees were appointed on recommendation of the select committee named at the inaugural session:

Property—Councillors Barr (chairman), Pickett, Drew, Guthrie, Halliday, Guthrie and Jamieson.

Finance—Councillors Sibbitt (chairman), Spankie, McGregor, Cordukes, Storms, Guthrie, Hamilton.

Printing and education—Councillors Spankie (chairman), Guthrie, Gray, Pickett, Graham, Cordukes, Parks.

Roads and bridges—Councillors Flake (chairman), Parks, Drew, Barr, Gray, Halliday, McGregor.

Good roads—Councillors Jamieson (chairman), Sibbitt, Storms, Barr, Guthrie, Graham, Cordukes.

The warden was made an ex-officio of all committees.

Quarterly board of audit—Councillor Hamilton.

A. W. Strrett, district agricultural representative, had asked for a conference with the council at his office Wednesday evening, but he later requested that a committee should be appointed to consider some matter that he wished to bring before the council.

Councillor Halliday's notice of motion to increase the number of council sessions was expected to be considered Thursday afternoon. The proposed by-law will provide for the holding of four sessions of three or four days in January, March, June and November, and the elimination of between-council committee work.

Councillor Halliday holds that this will reduce the present cost of the council sessions and also result in increased efficiency.

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### GANANOQUE

Garfield Hood left yesterday to attend the motor show in Montreal. Mrs. W. T. Sampson is entertaining at a large bridge this evening. The firemen are to be congratulated upon the prompt response they made to the fire at the Milk Products Company fire on Tuesday evening, as notwithstanding the raging storm and heavy roads they made, almost record time and performed timely service in preventing what might have been a very disastrous fire owing to the strong west wind blowing at the time.

Miss Maude Green is entertaining this evening. O. S. Kane and M. Lemmon were in town Tuesday evening, having motored down from Kingston.

Owing to the bad weather many were prevented from going up to Kingston for the "Bluebird" Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Valleau left yesterday for Montreal, and will take in the motor show.

Miss Isobel Macdonald is visiting friends in Brockville.

Mrs. E. K. Lund visited friends in Kingston yesterday.

F. H. Lutz has left on his western trip which will extend over several weeks.

Mayor W. J. Wilson was in Kingston yesterday. Oscar Henne left yesterday for Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Cowan left yesterday for Toronto and Hamilton.

The Anglican Young People had their sleigh drive last night, which had to be postponed on account of the storm last week. After enjoying the sleigh drive the young people were entertained at the home of Mrs. J. W. Paddle, five miles west of the town, where they had a little dancing, and after dainty refreshments returned to town in the early morning. Mrs. W. J. Reid, Stone street, is visiting friends in Montreal.

The young people of St. Andrew's church are enjoying a snow shoe tramp tonight, after which they will have refreshments in the lecture room.

### COAL SEAM STRUCK.

Lethbridge Company Has Second Deepest Mine in District.

Lethbridge Herald: The Herald learns of the developments of the Lethbridge Central Coal Mine, formerly known as the Hutton lease, where work has been going on for several months which resulted in the cross cutting of the coal seam at nearly 500 feet from prairie level, which is the second deepest mine in the entire field. This insures the coal being of very hard quality on account of the pressure at such a depth. A sample from the face of the seam which is 4 feet 10 inches will be sent to Edmonton for analysis. There have been a few trial shipments made to finish the development as fast as possible as some orders have already been received from outside points. The trade name of the coal will be "Gem of the West."

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### NORTH ASKS ACTION ON TRUNK HIGHWAY

#### Winter Recognized as Best Season for Clearing Right of Way.

Cobalt, Jan. 24.—Valuable time is being lost in connection with construction work on the northern trunk highway to the district of Timiskaming. Winter is recognized as the best season during which to slash timber along the right-of-way. Trees chopped above the snow leave high stumps, which are easily upturned by the leverage thus provided. Brush is easily burned during winter, thereby minimizing fire risks.

By clearing the right-of-way during the present winter, all would be in readiness to stump and grade the highway—commencing in the early spring. By fall the highway could easily be completed, at least ready for the finishing touches during the next summer.

The big communities in the industrial centres of Timiskaming are crying out for a road connection with the highways of old Ontario. It has been admitted by Premier G. Howard Ferguson that it is extremely unfortunate that such an important part of the country should have remained isolated up to this time, and it is for this reason that the people of the district are hopeful of early action.

Deaths in British. London, Jan. 24.—The following deaths have occurred in Great Britain: Rev. W. Bainbridge-Bell, vicar of Epson; W. Child-Pemberton, Miterleur; Alderman Alex. Boyd, Belfast; Capt. Richard Lambert, first actor to receive D.S.O.; and Sir John Tweedy, noted oculist.

At a conference between the Stratford board of works and the relief committee, it was decided that efforts should be made to open up some of the city work during the winter, the relief committee to bear the excess in cost.

## In Most Homes

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